

1-1 By: Strama, Gonzalez Toureilles H.B. No. 544
1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Watson)
1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 14, 2007;
1-4 May 15, 2007, read first time and referred to Subcommittee on
1-5 Higher Education; May 18, 2007, reported favorably from Committee
1-6 on Education by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 18, 2007,
1-7 sent to printer.)

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to reduced tuition and fees for certain junior college
1-11 district students who reside outside of the district.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 130.0032(c), Education Code, is amended
1-14 to read as follows:

1-15 (c) The governing board of a public junior college district
1-16 may allow a person who resides outside the district to pay tuition
1-17 and fees at a rate less than the rate applicable to other persons
1-18 residing outside the district, but not less than the rate
1-19 applicable to a student who resides in the district, if the person:

1-20 (1) resides within the service area of the district;

1-21 and

1-22 (2) ~~[does not reside in an independent school district~~
1-23 ~~that meets the criteria of the coordinating board for the~~
1-24 ~~establishment of a junior college district under Section 130.013,~~
1-25 ~~and~~

1-26 ~~[(3)]~~ demonstrates financial need in accordance with
1-27 rules adopted by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

1-28 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies
1-29 beginning with tuition and fees for the 2007 fall semester. Tuition
1-30 and fees for a term or semester before the 2007 fall semester are
1-31 covered by the law in effect immediately before the effective date
1-32 of this Act, and the former law is continued in effect for that
1-33 purpose.

1-34 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-35 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-36 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-37 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-38 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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